



**Collection Name:** Dr. Patrick H. Dennis Sr. Papers  
**Collection #:** MSS 1016  
**Size:** 25 folders, 0.5 cf.  
**Dates:** 1951-1961, n.d.  
**Processed:** September 2014, Michael Chapman and SDH  
**Restrictions:** None

### **Biographical Note:**

Patrick Harley Dennis, Sr. was born on December 10, 1932 in Lynchburg, South Carolina. He attended Newberry College in Newberry, South Carolina then went on to receive a medical degree from the Medical College of South Carolina in 1958. After graduation he held rotating internships at numerous medical center hospitals in Charleston. From 1959-1963, he served as a Captain for the U.S Air Force during the Cuban Missile Crisis. In 1971, Dr. Dennis was elected to fellowship in the American College of Surgeons. He then worked for the Medical University of South Carolina and St. Francis Hospital as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology while maintaining his own private practice for the next thirty-five years. By November of 2004 Dr. Dennis had retired after suffering a stroke. He is married to Myrtle Ann Benton and has three children.

### **Scope and Content Note:**

The Patrick H. Dennis Sr. Papers, 1951-1961, n.d, consists of 25 folders, that include his class notes, reprints, and illustrations, and a black box that hold medical instruments. The Class Notes series is arranged alphabetically and include a wide range of the topics that Dr. Dennis studied in medical school at MUSC. These topics range from Aviation Medicine to Clinical Pathology and Embryology. Each folder includes an extensive amount of written notes about each subject and drawings. There are also two typed booklets by Dr. Dennis that include his laboratory schedule and notes that were taken during his labs. The Reprints range from 1951-1955 and were published by Abbott Laboratories. The topics include: laryngeal pathology, manual artificial respiration, anatomical illustrations, mechanism and management of breech presentation, common skin diseases, the human placenta, and the four sections of the head and neck. While the topics vary, they all provide guides and information about the health and medical conditions related to certain areas of the human body. For example, the Atlas of Laryngeal Pathology depicts the most common laryngeal lesions and the presenting symptoms for such conditions. The Illustrations series includes an envelope containing 20 anatomical charts. Finally, the Objects series includes a black box that holds medical

instruments that are used in eye surgeries; such as 10 eye scissors; 20 forceps; 4 cannulas; 3 plastic spheres in a plastic bottle labeled Jardon Plastics Research Corporation; 3 multi-groove sphere; 3 eye knife blades; and other unidentifiable instruments.

**Citation:** Patrick H. Dennis Sr. Papers, MSS 1016, Waring Historical Library, MUSC.

**Note:** See also artifacts.

### **Subject Headings:**

Dennis, Patrick H.

Medical University of South Carolina

Medical College of South Carolina—Dept. of Neuro-Surgery

Medical College of South Carolina—Dept. of Pediatrics

Medical College of South Carolina—Dept. of Surgery

Educational tests and procedures

Education, Medical—South Carolina.

Physicians—South Carolina.

Martin, Luther Carlisle

Bradham, Robert Randolph

Paul, John Robertson

### **Inventory:**

Series 1: Class Notes

Folder 1: Aviation Medicine

Folder 2: "Bacteriology & Mycology"

Folder 3: Biochemistry

Folder 4: "Clinical Pathology and Parasitology"

Folder 5: Dermatology, Anesthesiology, Urology, etc.

Folder 6: Ear, Nose, & Throat; Ophthalmology

Folder 7: "Embryology and Anatomy"

Folder 8: Examinations

Folder 9: "Medicine and Physical Dx"

Folder 10: Neuroanatomy

Folder 11: "Neurology"

Folder 12: "Obstetrics – Gynecology"

Folder 13: Pathological Conference of the Medical College of South Carolina

Folder 14: "Pathology"

Folder 15: "Pediatrics, Orthopedics, NP"

Folder 16: "Pharmacology" 1 of 2

Folder 17: "Pharmacology" 2 of 2

Folder 18: "Physiology and Histology"

Folder 19: "Procedure Book and Notes from First Patient"

Folder 20: Random Loose Notes

Folder 21: South Carolina State Hospital: Guide for Writing Psychiatric Case History

Folder 22: "Surgery"

Folder 23: Weekly Staff Conference Notes

Series 2: Reprints

Folder 1: Atlases of Health by Abbott Laboratories

Series 3: Illustrations

Folder 1: Anatomical Charts